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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 10, 2003, the shortened period for response being until December 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, and 19-26 remain in the application. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the basis of U.S. Patent 5,549,956 to Handwerker in view of U.S. Patent 5,843,554 to Katz

The Examiner now rejects claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,549,956 to Handwerker in view of U.K. Patent Publication 2,207,884 to Fletcher.

Handwerker was addressed in the Response filed February 26, 2003, and those comments are incorporated herein by reference. In summary, Handwerker fails to disclose the



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